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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****APR 18 2007****FAX TRANSMISSION****DATE:** April 6, 2007**PTO IDENTIFIER:** Application Number 09/996,745-Conf. #: 4472  
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Interview Agenda for Personal Interview scheduled at 10:00AM, April 18, 2007.

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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****APR 18 2007****INTERVIEW AGENDA**

Application No.: 09/996,745

Examiner: **GEBRESILASSIE, Kibrom K (571-272-8571)**

Building: Randolph

Scheduled Interview Time: **April 18, 2007 at 10:00 AM****Rejections****102(b)**

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 15, 24, 25 30-34 and 36-42 – Lynch (5,515,524)

**103(a)**

Claims 13, 14, 16-23 and 26-29 – Lynch + Andersen, "An Introduction to Binary Decision Diagram"

Claims 4 and 35 – Lynch + Polish (6,430,531)

Claims 7-9, 24, 25, 32-34 and 36-42 – Lynch + Andersen + Henson (6,167,383)

**Proposed Agenda**

1. Explain the invention
2. Discuss the difference between independent claim 1 and Lynch
  - Explain the term "Directed Acyclic Graph"
  - Explain the term "tree" defined by the Preiss reference (cited in the outstanding OA dated August 14, 2006)
  - Explain why the graph illustrated in FIG. 2 of Lynch is not a "tree" defined by the Preiss reference
3. Discuss possible claim amendment

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